

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A maternity pillow assembly comprising:

a first pillow member ~~having~~ formed with a sloped portion at a ~~first~~ an upper end thereof and a thick portion at an opposing ~~second~~ lower end, said sloped portion extending from an interior edge of said first pillow toward an exterior edge with said sloped portion having a thickness dimension smaller at said interior edge than a corresponding thickness dimension of said thick portion, said sloped portion having a corresponding thickness dimension at said exterior edge substantially equal to said thickness dimension of said thick portion;

a second pillow member ~~having~~ also being formed with a sloped portion at a ~~first~~ an upper end thereof and a thick portion at an opposing ~~second~~ lower end, said sloped portion extending from an interior edge of said second pillow toward an exterior edge with said sloped portion having a thickness dimension smaller at said interior edge than a corresponding thickness dimension of said thick portion, said sloped portion having a corresponding thickness dimension at said exterior edge substantially equal to said thickness dimension of said thick portion; and

a connecting member interconnecting the first and second pillows intermediate said upper and lower ends of the respective said pillows to maintain a predetermined spacing between the corresponding interior edges of said pillow members.

2. (Original Claim) The maternity pillow assembly of Claim 1 wherein each said pillow member includes a removable case, said connecting member being connected to a first said case.

3. (Original Claim) The maternity pillow assembly of Claim 2 wherein the second said case is formed with an opening therethrough for the passage of said connecting member to be detachably connected to said second pillow member.
4. (Original Claim) The maternity pillow assembly of Claim 3 wherein said connecting member is formed with a plurality of strips of hook and loop fastener portions arranged in a spaced apart configuration to permit engagement of a selected one of said hook and loop fastener portions with a mating hook and loop fastener portion affixed to said second pillow member to provide an adjustable transverse spacing between said pillow members.
5. (Currently Amended) The maternity pillow assembly of Claim 1 wherein said sloped portions are formed in a tier configuration having relative increasing thickness dimensions with a first tier adjacent an interior edge of said pillow member having the ~~least~~ smallest thickness dimension.
6. (Currently Amended) The maternity pillow assembly of Claim 5 wherein said pillow is molded with said tier configuration ~~is formed through a quilting process interengaging being formed into~~ an upper surface of said pillow member and an opposing lower surface of said pillow member.
7. (Original Claim) The maternity pillow assembly of Claim 5 wherein said tier configuration is formed by baffles positioned internally of said pillow member and interconnecting an upper surface of said pillow member and an opposing lower surface of said pillow member.

8. (Original Claim) The maternity pillow assembly of Claim 7 wherein said baffles are arranged with respect to said interior edge of said pillow member in order of increasing height with the baffle closest to said interior edge having the smallest height.
9. (Currently Amended) The maternity pillow assembly of Claim 1 wherein said thick portion extends from said ~~opposing second end to said first end with~~ interior edge of said lower end to said exterior edge, said sloped portion being ~~located between said thick portion and an interior edge of said pillow member, said sloped portion being~~ formed in a generally circular shape and defining a tier configuration having increasing thickness with a first tier adjacent said interior edge.
10. (Original Claim) The maternity pillow assembly of Claim 1 wherein said connecting member is detachably connected to said second pillow member, said connecting member being formed with a plurality of strips of hook and loop fastener portions arranged in a spaced apart configuration to permit engagement of a selected one of said hook and loop fastener portions with a mating hook and loop fastener portion affixed to said second pillow member to provide an adjustable transverse spacing between said pillow members.
11. (Currently Amended) In a maternity pillow having a first pillow member, a second pillow member and a transverse connecting member extending therebetween, the improvement comprising:  
each said pillow member being formed in an asymmetrical configuration with respect to a median line passing from an interior edge of said pillow to an exterior edge midway between an upper end of said pillow and a longitudinally opposing lower end and with a sloped portion at a ~~first~~ said upper end thereof and a thick portion at an ~~opposing second~~ said opposing lower end, said sloped portion extending from said interior edge of

said pillow toward said exterior edge with said sloped portion having a thickness dimension smaller at said interior edge than a corresponding thickness dimension of said thick portion, said sloped portion having a corresponding thickness dimension at said exterior edge substantially equal to said thickness dimension of said thick portion.

12. (Currently Amended) The maternity pillow of Claim 11 wherein said sloped portion ~~is positioned at an interior edge of each corresponding pillow member and~~ is formed in a generally circular configuration in a tiered configuration arranged in increasing thicknesses extending transversely from said interior edge.

13. (Currently Amended) The maternity pillow of Claim 12 wherein said thick portion extends from said ~~first end to said second end with~~ interior edge of said lower end to said exterior edge, said sloped portion forming an indentation in said pillow surrounded by said thick portion to register with a pregnant woman's abdomen ~~being between said thick portion at said first end and said interior edge.~~

14. Canceled.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The maternity pillow of Claim 14 wherein~~ In a maternity pillow having a first pillow member, a second pillow member and a connecting member extending therebetween, the improvement comprising:

each said pillow member being formed in an asymmetrical configuration with a sloped portion at a first end and a thick portion at an opposing second end, each said pillow member including a covering case, said first pillow member covering case being connected to said connecting member, said first pillow member being received within said first covering case, said connecting member is detachably being detachably connected to

said second pillow member, said second pillow member covering case having an opening therein for passage of said connecting member for engagement with said second pillow member.

16. (Currently Amended) The maternity pillow of ~~Claim 12~~ Claim 15 wherein said sloped portion is formed in a generally circular configuration in a tiered configuration arranged in increasing thicknesses extending from said interior edge, said tier configuration ~~is formed through a quilting process interengaging an upper surface of said pillow member and an opposing lower surface of said pillow member~~ being molded.

17. (Original Claim) The maternity pillow of Claim 12 wherein said tier configuration is formed by baffles positioned internally of said pillow member and interconnecting an upper surface of said pillow member and an opposing lower surface of said pillow member.

18. (Original Claim) The maternity pillow of Claim 17 wherein said baffles are arranged with respect to said interior edge of said pillow member in order of increasing height with the baffle closest to said interior edge having the smallest height.

19. (Original Claim) The maternity pillow of Claim 15 wherein said connecting member is formed with a plurality of strips of hook and loop fastener portions arranged in a spaced apart configuration to permit engagement of a selected one of said hook and loop fastener portions with a mating hook and loop fastener portion affixed to said second pillow member to provide an adjustable transverse spacing between said pillow members.

20. (Currently Amended) The maternity pillow of Claim 19 wherein said upper and lower ends ~~first and second end~~ are longitudinally spaced sufficiently to permit a pregnant woman's abdomen to be supported on said sloped portion while said thick portion at said ~~second~~ lower end can support a knee and ankle of said pregnant woman simultaneously.

21. (New) The maternity pillow of Claim 15 wherein said sloped portion is formed in a generally circular configuration in a tiered configuration arranged in increasing thicknesses extending from said interior edge, said tier configuration being formed by baffles positioned internally of said pillow member and interconnecting an upper surface of said pillow member and an opposing lower surface of said pillow member, said baffles being arranged with respect to said interior edge of said pillow member in order of increasing height with the baffle closest to said interior edge having the smallest height.